

AN ACT

relating to certain judicial statistics and related information gathered by the Texas Judicial Council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 71.035(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The council shall gather judicial statistics and other pertinent information, including case-level information on the amount and character of the business transacted by courts, from the several state judges and other court officials of this state. In addition, the council shall implement a monthly tracking system to ensure accountability for counties and courts which participate in the statewide integrated system for child support, medical support, and dental support enforcement established under Section 231.0011, Family Code. As a duty of office, the district clerks and county clerks serving the affected courts shall report monthly such information as may be required by the council, including, at a minimum, the time required to enforce cases from date of delinquency, from date of filing, and from date of service until date of disposition. Such information as is necessary to complete the report and not directly within the control of the district or county clerk, such as date of delinquency, shall be provided to the clerk by the child support registry or by the enforcement agency providing Title IV-D enforcement services in the court. The

1 monthly report shall be transmitted to the Office of Court
2 Administration of the Texas Judicial System no later than the 20th
3 day of the month following the month reported, in such form as may
4 be prescribed by the Office of Court Administration, which may
5 include electronic data transfer. Copies of such reports shall be
6 maintained in the office of the appropriate district or county
7 clerk for a period of at least two years and shall be available to
8 the public for inspection and reproduction.

9 SECTION 2. The Texas Judicial Council shall adopt rules
10 necessary to implement this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 841 was passed by the House on April 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 13, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 841 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor